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1. The uranium mine near Chvaletice (N 50-02, E 15-26) was sunk in about 1949. Uranium ore mining began at the end of 1951. The mine is about 5.5 kilometers east of Tynec nad Labem (N 50-02, E 15-21), 45 miles east of Prague. The mine and buildings belonging to the mine are at the foot of a slight slope between the northern edge of the village of Chvaletice and the Ceska Trebova-Kolin railroad line.
2. There is no information about production, although according to hearsay in the neighborhood, uranium ore is mined there. The mine is supposed to be under the administration of the Management of Ore Mines in Prague.
3. At the end of 1951, about 50 Skoda-706 trucks loaded with ore were seen in the vicinity of the mine. Only civilians have been seen in the neighborhood of the mine, and these are probably housed in a group of six new houses on the road from Tynec nad Labem to Prelouc.
4. The mine has one square iron tower, about 25 meters high, with a gray metal roof. The tower has a five-pointed red star and hammer and sickle, about 1.5 meters in diameter, firmly fixed to it and carries the Soviet and Czechoslovak flags. The roof of the tower is about four by four meters, and two wheels two meters in diameter with a mine cable can be seen on it.
5. No uniformed persons have been seen near the mine, which seems to have no fencing round it. There is, however, a wooden observation post on the edge of the wood near Chvaletice, with a roof 20 to 25 meters high, from which the whole vicinity of Chvaletice can be surveyed. It is not known whether or not the post is manned.

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